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For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETECTING  
DEGENERATED REGIONS IN STAINED THIN  
SECTION SLIDES

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**LETTER**

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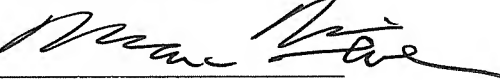
Sir:

Attached is a copy of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. Please make this of record in the present application.

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